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REMARKS

Claims 24 and 25 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Applicant has canceled claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 12-16, 22, and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant has amended claims 24 and 25 to more particularly define the claimed invention.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 24 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. While Applicant maintains that all the claims are allowable, merely in an effort to speed prosecution and to place the application in condition for immediate allowance, Applicant has amended allowable claims 24 and 25 into independent form.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 24 and 25, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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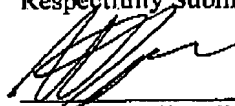
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